

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : Attorney Docket No. 2005_1996A
Katsuhito MIURA et al. : **Confirmation No. 3768**
Serial No. 10/561,038 : Group Art Unit 1726
Filed December 16, 2005 : Examiner Ben Lewis
CROSSLINKED POLYMER : **Mail Stop: AF**
ELECTROLYTE AND USE THEREOF

RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of November 19, 2010, the time for responding thereto being extended for two months in accordance with the fee submitted herewith, Applicants submit the following remarks in support of the patentability of the presently claimed invention over the disclosures of the references relied upon by the Examiner in rejecting the claims. Further and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of these remarks.

Summary of Telephone Interview

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for discussing the above-identified application with Applicants' representatives on February 14, 2011.

During the interview, Applicants' representatives provided the following arguments:

1. As discussed in the Amendments of June 28, 2010 and October 29, 2010, each of the electrolyte compositions of Kohjiya (US '157) and Miura (US '389) is not a gel because each of the respective compositions is "sufficiently dried" to obtain a film, as disclosed in Example 1 of each of the Kohjiya and Miura references. Further, both Kohjiya and Miura disclose that even when the electrolyte components are mixed in the presence of a solvent, the **solvent is removed** after mixing, as discussed in column 4, lines 1-5 of the Kohjiya reference and column 12, lines 1-2 of Miura.